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DEVIL'S GATE DAM

The 2009 Station Fire was the 10th largest fire in California since 1933 and burned over 160,000 acres before containment. The fire burned nearly 100% of the undeveloped watershed tributary to Devil's Gate Dam and Reservoir, leaving vast areas of the San Gabriel Mountains denuded and sediment deposition inevitable. The 2009-2010 storm season brought in approximately 936,000 cubic yards of post-fire debris, and more is expected in the upcoming years.

The Department of Public Works is planning to remove 1,671,000 cubic yards of sediment from the Devil's Gate Dam and Reservoir and haul it off-site. The project, scheduled to begin in September 2011, was granted an emergency exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and does not require an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). However, given the location of the reservoir and the impacts on the natural landscape, it is important that we identify, evaluate and mitigate all negative effects of the sediment removal project prior to moving forward.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of the Department of Public Works to:

1. Prepare an Environmental Impact Report on the Devil's Gate Sediment Removal Project; and
2. Report back to the Board in 90 days with a short-term solution to the sediment accumulation along the face of the dam.

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